

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## REDUNDANCY ELIMINATION AND ENHANCED PERFORMANCE FOR PREPAREDNESS GRANTS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H.R. 3980, the "Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act". I would like thank my friend and colleague, Representative CUELLAR, for introducing this act of solidarity, as well as the cosponsor, Representative RICHARDSON.

Congress instructed FEMA in the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 and in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to develop performance metrics for its homeland security grants programs. As the House Committee on Homeland Security discovered in our October 27th subcommittee hearing for the Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response Subcommittee, these requirements remain poorly implemented and difficult to comprehend.

What is most disconcerting is that FEMA still cannot determine our Nation's overall preparedness or how homeland security grants have helped to protect our Nation from acts of terrorism.

It is for these reasons that I come to you today to ask for your support of H.R. 3980, the Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act.

This legislation would require FEMA to work in conjunction with state, local, tribal and territorial stakeholders to develop a plan to: Streamline homeland security grant reporting requirements, rules and regulations to eliminate redundant reporting; create a strategy including a set timeline for establishing the much needed performance metrics for grant programs to ensure that the funds are being directed to the areas where they will be best spent; and require FEMA to take inventory of each homeland security grant program to include the purpose, objectives and performance goals for each.

The plan will be submitted to the Committee on Homeland Security no later than 120 days after the bill's enactment. It will be updated bi-annually to ensure that the Committee is able to maintain a watchful eye on redundancies in the law that might confuse grant recipients. Finally, this bill will help identify inefficiencies with the DHS grant programs and this bill will increase the quality of services received by DHS grant recipients.

It is for these reasons that I rise in support of Representative CUELLAR's legislation before us, and why I encourage my fellow Members to do the same.

## RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF THE 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 494 as a cosponsor of this important resolution. It honors the 30th Infantry Division of World War II, which included National Guard soldiers from my state of North Carolina, as well as troops from Tennessee. The long history of the 30th Infantry goes back further, though, to include the service of individuals from across the South. Each time they were called to duty, they answered the call with distinction and bravery.

Their service during World War II was particularly exemplary, and I appreciate my colleague Congressman KISSELL, whose father served in this division, for bringing forward a resolution to honor their valiant work. The achievements of the 30th Infantry Division were so exemplary that military historians of the day singled it out for distinction as the first among infantry divisions, noting both "outstanding" battle service and efficiency that preserved the lives of its members. Eisenhower's chief historian, S.L.A. Marshall, called the 30th the "most efficient fighting division in Europe."

Although the 30th Infantry Division was not involved in the actual invasion of Normandy, it engaged in a pivotal battle in Mortain, France that contributed to the Allied victory at Normandy. Serving with bravery and distinction at St. Lo, France, the 30th enabled the Allies to outflank the German Army in what came to be called the St. Lo Breakout. The 30th was also instrumental in breaching the Siegfried Line in October 1944, and the capture of Aachen, Germany. In short, the 30th Division, Old Hickory, played a significant part in our eventual victory over the Axis in WWII.

Today, North Carolina's National Guard soldiers serve with honor in Iraq and Afghanistan, bravely doing their part in defense of our Nation. As they do so, they are part of a valiant heritage that goes back to the founding of our Nation. Each time they are called to service, they do North Carolina and our Nation proud, as they are doing today.

North Carolinians are proud of the service and history of the 30th Infantry Division. We thank soldiers for safeguarding freedom and our way of life, in World War II and today in Afghanistan and Iraq. These courageous soldiers accomplished feats of heroism and bravery which preserved a way of life on two continents. They represent a proud fighting tradition and have earned every accolade we can give.

As a cosponsor of H. Res. 494, I strongly support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the soldiers that have and continue to protect our freedom.

## HONORING SAMUEL BRADLEY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Bradley, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel Bradley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## HONORING BARRY BAUER

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Barry Bauer upon being awarded the "Distinguished Citizen Award" by the Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Bauer will be honored on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner in Fresno, California.

Mr. Barry Bauer was born and raised in Fresno, California and attended Fresno High School. As a child, Mr. Bauer helped at his father's liquor and sporting goods store. He was a busy child, involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. During his scouting career he had accumulated enough merit badges to become a Star Scout and worked his way to becoming a Life Scout.

Mr. Bauer graduated from California State University, Fresno with a bachelor's of science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1968. During college, he worked evenings at Bank of America, taught data processing classes at Fresno City College and during the summer recess he worked as a programmer for IBM at various accounts around the Central Valley. During his senior year in college Mr. Bauer joined the Air National Guard unit in Fresno. He held various positions, including Base Comptroller and Combat Support Commander. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years of service.

Upon graduation, Mr. Bauer was offered a position with IBM, working from the Fresno and Bay Area offices. He retired after 25 years of service with IBM. Mr. Bauer has always been very active in a multitude of activities; he

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